

**A Message From
Assemblymember Dave Jones**

May 5, 2006

Dear Friends:

Early this morning, the California State Legislature passed the largest public works bond package in state history. My colleagues in the Legislature and I voted for four bond measures to address the state's education, flood protection, transportation and housing needs.

The four bonds passed by the California State Assembly provide the following levels of funding:

- **Education** (AB 127) -- \$10.416 billion
- **Flood Protection** (AB 140) -- \$.4.09 billion
- **Transportation** (SB 1266) -- \$19.925 billion;
- **Housing** (SB 1689) -- \$2.850 billion;

We were successful at keeping the Flood Protection Bond at the \$4 billion level, despite efforts to reduce this amount.

Additionally, we approved AB 142, which appropriates \$500 million from the state's general fund to the Department of Water Resources for levee repair and flood control system improvements. This funding will allow us to begin work on twenty-nine critical erosion sites this summer, with a timeline to complete these projects prior to the next storm season.

Sincerely,

DAVE JONES
Assemblymember, Ninth District

The following are some additional details about the bond measures:

Education Bond -- \$10.416 billion

K-12 facilities: \$7.329 billion

- ✓ \$1.9 billion for new construction;
- ✓ \$3.3 billion for rehabilitation and modernization;

- ✓ \$200 million for small high schools, included in new construction and modernization above);
- ✓ \$1 billion for overcrowded schools;
- ✓ \$500 million for charter schools;
- ✓ \$500 million for career technical education facilities;
- ✓ \$100 million for energy-efficient schools; and
- ✓ \$29 million for joint use facilities.

Higher Education: \$3.087 billion

- ✓ \$1.58 billion for UC and CSU;
- ✓ \$1.5 billion for community colleges.

Flood Protection -- \$4.09 billion

- ✓ \$3 billion for levee inspection, repair, flood control improvements, and delta levee protection;
- ✓ \$500 million for flood control subventions;
- ✓ \$290 million for flood corridors, bypasses, and flood plain mapping; and
- ✓ \$300 million for storm flood management.

Transportation Bond -- \$19.925 billion

Mobility, transit, and congestion relief: \$16.250 billion

- ✓ \$4.5 billion for high priority corridor improvements;
- ✓ \$1 billion for State Highway 99 Enhancement Plan;
- ✓ \$2 billion for STIP augmentation;
- ✓ \$2 billion for trade infrastructure;
- ✓ \$4 billion for rail, bus, transit, and improvements;
- ✓ \$750 million for SHOPP and ITS;
- ✓ \$1 billion for State-Local Partnership Program;
- ✓ \$1 billion for roads – cities.
- ✓ \$1 billion for roads – counties.

Safety, security, disaster preparedness: \$1.475 billion

- ✓ \$1 billion for transit safety and disaster response;
- ✓ \$100 million for Port Security Program;
- ✓ \$125 million for local bridge seismic retrofit;
- ✓ \$250 million for grade separations.

Air quality: \$1.2 billion

- ✓ \$1 billion for port air quality;
- ✓ \$200 million for school bus retrofit and replacement.

Housing and Land Use Bond -- \$2.85 billion

Affordable housing: \$1.5 billion

- ✓ \$345 million for multi-family housing;

- ✓ \$300 million for Cal Home homeownership program;
- ✓ \$200 million for CHADAP down payment assistance program;
- ✓ \$195 million for supportive housing;
- ✓ \$135 million for farm worker housing;
- ✓ \$125 million for the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Program;
- ✓ \$100 million for affordable housing innovation;
- ✓ \$50 million for homeless youth housing; and
- ✓ \$50 million for emergency housing.

Infill incentives: \$850 million (up to \$200 million available for urban parks);

Housing-related parks in urban, suburban, and rural areas: \$200 million;

Transit-oriented development: \$300 million

These bonds will be put on the November 2006 ballot for voter approval.